

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: (8503 Baltimore Boulevard) Seven Seas Restaurant Inventory Number: PG:66-46

Address: 8503 Baltimore Boulevard, College Park, Prince George's County

Owner: Modern Internat'l Enterprises Inc., 13116 Jasmine Hill Ter., Rockville, MD 20850

Tax Parcel Number: D1, p 776, 12, 15 Tax Map Number: 33

Project US 001: South Gate UM-College Park to Sunnyside Aven Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: no X yes Name: Date: 8/1/98

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no yes Name of District:

Is district listed?: no X yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Built circa 1940, the Seven Seas Restaurant, located at 8503 Baltimore Boulevard, is a single-story brick commercial structure located on the corner of Quebec Street. Laid in 7-course American bond with articulated pilasters and quioned corners at the façade, the building has a flat roof and an off-center (right) pedimented entrance covered by a cantilevered flat roof extending nearly the width of the building. The main façade has been substantially remodeled, and features plate glass windows above wood paneling. Adorned with decorative elements such as painted Asian characters, the building has a decorative parapet with raised stretcher coursing at each corner.

The character and extent of US 1 development has evolved from the late 1940s, when a substantial influx of University students resulted in emergency building funds for the College Park area. The history of the University of Maryland describes the unpleasant aesthetic consequences of unplanned development on the school and the area: "Contributing to the crowded, disjointed atmosphere of the campus after the war was the spread of ugly urbanization reaching out, octopus-like from Washington. Nearby Bladensburg blossomed into a notorious gambling and prostitution center, factories and automobile agencies spread into the once-fashionable suburban villages of Riverdale

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and College Park, and woodlands turned into barren expanses of truck stops and filling stations. Desperately and vainly the University petitioned to save the charm of the once isolated town, but frequently its faculty and students were only too eager to find quarters in the jerry-built houses nearby. Indeed, the University's huge construction program only added to the rawness." The local setting has continuously evolved with late twentieth century strip malls and franchises replacing the "truck stops and filling stations" described circa 1940.

This typical brick commercial structure is not eligible for the National Register. The resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**I. Geographic Region:**

- ☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☒ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- ☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☒ Modern Period A.D. 1930- Present
☐ Unknown Prehistoric
☐ Unknown Historic

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- ☐ Agriculture
☐ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
and Community Planning
☒ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:Category: BuildingHistoric environment: SuburbanHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): CommercialKnown Design Source: None



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- 5) Aug 1, 1998
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- 7) 8503 Balt. Blvd Saw facades
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